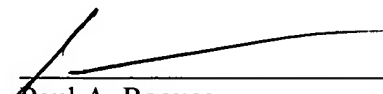


REMARKS

This paper is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified application, filed herewith as application is a national phase of International Application No. PCT/JP04/018688, filed December 8, 2004, which claims priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-1,524, filed January 7, 2004. By this amendment, the specification has been amended to insert a reference to related applications. Additionally, Claims 3-5, 7, 12, and 13 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and Claims 16-29 have been added to further define Applicants' invention. No new matter has been added, and no subject matter is intended to be relinquished by the foregoing amendments.

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